

Thai - Oshie Handicraft

★ Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn graciously asked Mr. Taruo Yomura, a Japanese artisan, to teach Thai - Oshie Handicraft to disabled veterans. At present, disabled veterans who have been treated at Veterans General Hospital (VGH) gain more expert skills and are capable of making beautiful and unique handicrafts, resulting Thai - Oshie Handicrafts are well - known and accepted to the general public.



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ANGEL PLAYS THE PHIN



★ Thai – Oshie Handicraft made by Lieutenant Suthon Umkham, 64 years old, a former service veteran who holds the 1st class veterans card No. 0002205/26. In 1978, he was enlisted in the 12th Cavalry Battalion, Den Chai District, Phrae province. He performed official duty on the prevention and suppression of threats to maintain national security and discharged from his duty due to landmine stepping, while on duty at Nan province in 1982. He lost his legs and his left eye ever since.

Battle area: Attack the enemy's stronghold at Bo Kluea District, Nan province

Battalion Commander: Lieutenant Colonel Udomchai Ongkasing

★ Phin is a kind of stringed musical instrument originated in the Northeastern Thailand. Phin is similar to a lute but smaller. It is classified as a string instrument which has two or three strings and made to be played with thin sheet material such as bamboo strips or guitar pick. Nowadays, it is often used to play in the Pong Lang band, Lam Sing band or Country Folk band.

